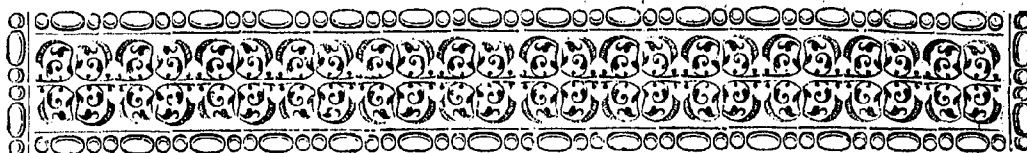


Exhibit 18

A. D. 1676.



At a GRAND ASSEMBLY, begun at *Green Spring*, the Twentieth Day of *February*; in the Twenty-Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord CHARLES II. by the Grace of God, of *England, Scotland, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annoq; Domini 1676.*

Sir WILLIAM
BERKELEY,
Governor.

CHAP. I.

An Act of Indemnity and Free Pardon. REP.

Repealed
by Proclama-
tion, July 8,
1680.

CHAP. II.

An Act of Attainder. REP.

Ibid.

CHAP. III.

An Act inflicting Pains, Penalties, and Fines, upon great Offenders. REP.

Ibid.

CHAP. IV.

An Act declaring all the Acts, Orders, and Proceedings, of a Grand Assembly, held at James City, in the Month of June, 1676, Void, Null, and Repealed.

I. **W**HEREAS Nathaniel Bacon, the younger, in the Month of *June*, Sixteen Hundred Seventy Six, whilst the Governor, Council, and Burgeses, were met and convened together, at a Grand Assembly, to consult the great Concerns of the Country, did enter *James City*, in a rebellious
I 2 Manner,

Preamble.

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C H A P. III.

(a) *An Act for raising a public Revenue for the better Support of the Government of this his Majesty's Colony of Virginia.*

Preamble.

I. **W**HEREAS there is a great and continual Charge required for the Maintenance of the Governor, and several other Officers and Persons, as also for the Fort and Fortifications, besides many other contingent Expences, absolutely necessary for the Support of the Government of this Colony:

Two Shillings per Hoghead laid upon Tobacco.

II. *BE it therefore Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted, by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Consent of the General Assembly,* That for every Hoghead of Tobacco, that shall at any Time hereafter be exported out of this Colony, by Land or Water, to any other Place whatsoever, there shall be paid by the Exporter, Two Shillings of current Money of England, as also for every Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco exported in Bulk, or otherwise, and so proportionably for a greater or lesser Quantity; the same to be to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors for ever, to and for the better Support of the Government of this his Majesty's Colony of Virginia, in such Manner as is herein before expressed; and to and for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.

One Shilling Three Pence per Tun upon Shipping.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That all Ships or Vessels whatsoever, coming to this Colony, or any Part thereof, shall respectively pay, for every Tun such Ship or Vessel shall contain, One half Pound of good and new Gunpowder, and Three Pounds of Leaden Shot, or One Shilling Three Pence *Sterling*, in Lieu thereof; as also Six Pence *per Poll* for every Person imported, not being actually a Mariner in Pay; the same to be also to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors for ever, for the better Support of the Government of this his Majesty's Colony of Virginia, in such Manner as is herein before expressed; and to and for no other Use, Intent, or Purpose whatsoever.


For the Discovery and Preventing Frauds.

IV. *AND for the better Discoverey and preventing of Frauds, Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Master of every Ship or Vessel shall deliver his Boatswain's Book to the Perusal of the respective Collectors, and make Oath of the Truth thereof, to the best of his Knowledge, and that the Mate, Boatswain, or any other Officer, Seaman, or other Persons, be also sworn, if there be Cause, for the Discovery of the Freight; and if any Master shall wittingly or willingly conceal any Part of his Freight, or make false Entry of the Burthen of his Ship or Vessel, or Number of Persons imported, as aforesaid, that then the said Master shall forfeit, for every such Offence, the Sum of One Hundred Pounds *Sterling*, as also the Treble Duties for every Hoghead or Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, and for every Tun concealed: One Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, and for the Uses above mentioned; and to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, or Plaint, by Virtue of this Act, against which no Effoin, Wager of Law, or Protection to be allowed to any Person so offending.

(a) This Act was also brought over by the Lord Culpepper, under the Great Seal of England, with the Two former, and passed the Assembly, with the Addition of the Two Provisos at the End of the Act; and therefore could not be repealed by the Acts, Anno 1705, and 1710.

V. *AND*

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 Bond to be given for paying the Duties of Tobacco enter'd in the Custom-house in England, more than shall be enter'd and paid for here.

V. *AND it is hereby further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the respective Matter of every Ship and Vessel shall enter into a Bond of Twenty Pounds Sterling to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, for the Payment of the Duties of so many Hogsheads, or Five Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, as shall, upon due Certificate, appear to be entered in the Custom-house in England, more than shall be enter'd and paid to the respective Collectors and other Officers in Virginia, unless the said Collectors and Officers be fully satisfied of the true Number of Hogsheads, and Freight of the said Ships and Vessels; the said Bond to be made without any Fee, and to be void to all Intents as if never made, if not put in Suit upon due Certificate, to be procured by the respective Collectors, from the Custom-house in England, within One Year from the making thereof; which said Collectors, and other Officers, are hereby required to use their utmost Diligence in the due Execution of this Act, and shall be allowed their usual Salaries, or such other, as by the Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, with the Advice of the Council, shall be adjudged necessary for collecting the said Imposition: Which said Governor, or Commander in Chief for the Time being, is also hereby further authorized and empowered, from Time to Time, with the Advice of the Council, as is before specified, to give such reasonable Allowances and Encouragement, as shall be adjudged fitting, not exceeding Ten per Cent. to such Masters of Ships, or other Persons, as shall give in true Accounts, and advance and pay down the above mentioned Duties, either in Money, or good and sufficient Bills of Exchange, to the Satisfaction of the respective Collectors.*

VI. (a) *PROVIDED always, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Act of Assembly, in the printed Book, intituled, Imposition of Two Shillings per Hogshead, made at a Grand Assembly, held at James City, the Twenty-Third of March, One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One; also one other Act, intituled, An Act for the Imposition of Two Shillings per Hogshead, made at James City, the Second of December, One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two; also one other Act in the printed Book, intituled, Castle Duties to be paid, made at a Grand Assembly, holden at James City, the Twenty-Third of March, One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One; and all other former Acts, for the raising or levying of Two Shillings per Hogshead Impost upon Tobaccos exported out of this his Majesty's Colony of Virginia, or for raising or levying Castle Duties, Tunnage, or Head-Money, be, and are hereby, by Virtue of this Act, fully Repealed and made Void, to all Intents and Purposes; any Thing in this Act, or any other Law, Statute, Custom, Usage, or Instructions whatsoever, to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

All former Duties repealed.

VII. (b) *PROVIDED also, and it is hereby Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Privilege of Virginia Owners of Ships, expressed and set down in the Hundred Thirty Fourth Act in the printed Book, intituled, Privilege of Virginia Owners, made at James City, the Twenty-Third of March, One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty One; and one Act made at James City, the Twentieth of October, One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine, intituled, An Act for freeing Virginia Owners from Castle Duties, shall be, and are hereby meant and intended to be in full Force, Power, and Virtue, to the Benefit, Use, and Privilege of all and every such Owner or Owners; any Thing in this Act, or any other Law, Statute, Custom, Usage, or Instructions whatsoever, to the contrary, notwithstanding.*

134th Act, 1661, and one Act, 1669, confirm'd.

(a) (b) These Two Provisos were added by the Assembly, and the Bill passed, after it had been rejected by the Burgesses. Assembly Journal, June 18, 1680.